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GREENWOOD, S.C. - The top-ranked and defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team claimed the 2013 Peach Belt Conference regular season crown with an 8-1 win over No. 7-ranked Lander University on Monday afternoon at the Joe Cabri Tennis Courts in Greenwood, S.C.

The Pirates (19-1, 10-0 PBC) capture their fourth straight PBC regular season title and eighth out of the last nine seasons with the win over the Bearcats (13-2, 9-1 PBC), who finish runner-up in the league standings. The two teams will be the top two seeds in this weekend's upcoming 2013 Peach Belt Conference Tournament in Florence, S.C.

Armstrong took two of three doubles wins to head into singles play with a 2-1 lead. The top-ranked doubles duo of **Dan Regan** and **Georgi Rumenov** defeated the No. 13-ranked duo of August Iwdal and Adam Jonsson, 8-3, at No. 1 doubles, while **Matus Mydla** and **Jaan Kononov** notched an 8-5 win over Samuel Poutignat and Oscar Axelsson at No. 3 doubles. Lander's point came at No. 2 doubles as Paul-Henri Arrigoni and Vincent Verpeaux outlasted No. 6-ranked **Sven Lalic** and **Pedro Scocuglia**, 9-8 (12-10).

The Pirates then notched straight-set wins in all six singles matches to clinch the title. No. 5-ranked Mydla beat No. 17-ranked Arrigoni, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 1 singles, while top-ranked Rumenov claimed a 6-3, 6-3 win over Verpeaux at No. 2 singles. No. 13-ranked Regan blanked Poutignat, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

No. 24-ranked Lalic bested Axelsson, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 4 singles, while No. 25-ranked Scocuglia upended Jonsson, 6-3, 6-1, at No. 5 singles. **Pablo Gor** completed the singles sweep with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Iwdal at No. 6 singles.

The 2013 PBC Championships begin Friday in Florence, S.C. The full bracket will be released on Tuesday.



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